

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kerry Zang et al.  
Serial No.: 10/777,514  
Filing Date: February 11, 2004  
Confirmation No.: 5263  
Group Art Unit: 3738  
Examiner: Cheryl L. Miller  
Title: CONICAL, THREADED SUBTALAR IMPLANT

**MAIL STOP RCE**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir,

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 21, 2008, and the Advisory Action dated October 15, 2008, Applicants respectfully request continued examination of the present application in order that the Examiner may reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments thereto and the comments as set forth below.